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1. The steel plant at Tisovec (Q49/D34), a part of the Podbrezova (Q49/D06) industrial complex, consists of a blast furnace one-sixth the normal size of modern furnaces. It has an annual capacity of 40,000 metric tons and requires approximately 9 kilograms of coke for the production of 100 kilograms of iron. Ore is obtained from Zeleznik (Q49/D44) and Roznava (R49/D74) via a rope railway which is in very poor condition. Coke is shipped to the furnace from as far as Moravska Ostrava (P50/O59).
2. After three years of lying idle, the furnace was reconstructed in 1947; parts of the compressor which had been destroyed during the Slovak revolution had to be replaced by deliveries from the Skoda works. This furnace does not have sufficient capacity to supply the raw iron needs of the steel plant at Podbrezova and its efficiency is low, requiring almost as many operating personnel as a large blast furnace. Following the completion of the steel plant at Zilina (Q50/O92), operation of the furnace at Tisovec will be discontinued.
3. A rolling mill located at Chvatimach (Q49/D06) for the production of thin sheet steel has been shut down since 1947. The equipment is very antiquated and the buildings are in poor condition.

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